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## Corps boosting Dworshak reservoir outflows to meet spring flood control curves, recreationists reminded to use caution

**Orofino, Idaho** — Flows through Dworshak Dam are being stepped up today as part of seasonal planning for the coming spring runoff cycle, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Experts from the Corps' Reservoir Control Center in Portland, Ore., who collect and study water supply forecasts, say this lake level adjustment is a standard process.

The Corps is increasing Dworshak's outflows for system flood control based on current water supply forecasts that indicate an above-normal water supply year. The Corps routinely lowers the water in the winter depending on the water supply forecast, according to Karl Kanbergs, an RCC hydrologist.

"The normal seasonal flow from Dworshak is 1,300 cubic feet per second but since midmorning today, flows have been raised to 2,300 cfs and will be held at that level through the weekend. Dworshak releases will go up again Monday morning, stepping up to 8,100 cfs. Water managers at RCC will evaluate a possible further step up to 10,400 later next week. That level would bring discharges to maximum powerhouse capacity. These higher flows may continue throughout February. The flows will be continuously monitored and reevaluated once official February water supply forecasts have been prepared," said Charlie Krahenbuhl, Eastern Operating Area Office manager for the Corps' Walla Walla District.

People fishing and boating along the North Fork and main stem of the Clearwater River should take every precaution during the higher flows which will cause higher river elevation and faster currents in the North Fork and the main stem of the Clearwater River. Corps recreation officials remind everyone to be safe while they're outdoors and when they're in, on or near the water during these higher flows.

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The increases will be done gradually, with the additional water passing through the hydropower generating turbines. The water will be used repeatedly after it passes down the North Fork the main stem of the Clearwater River and flows into the Snake River. In the Snake River, four other Walla Walla District Corps dams in Washington could use the additional flow for power production. Those are: Lower Granite, near Pomeroy; Little Goose, near Starbuck; Lower Monumental, near Kahlottus; and, Ice Harbor, near Burbank. The water then flows into the Columbia River in Oregon, to four more Corps hydropower dams: McNary Dam, near Umatilla, is operated by the Walla Walla District. The other three Corps dams are operated by the Portland District: John Day Dam, near Rufus; The Dalles Dam, at The Dalles; and, Bonneville Dam, near Cascade Locks.

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